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Subject: Re: ACTION: Politico re: Dimock Water Testing

thx. I sent her this statement. here's the statement if any of the trade press asks. send over to me any national reporters

"EPA has recently received and reviewed hundreds of pages of data supplied to the Agency by Dimock residents. While EPA is not in a position to make any conclusions about the data we have in hand because there are gaps, we believe that additional information is needed to better understand the situation in Dimock and respond appropriately. Therefore, EPA is considering next steps including conducting some samples of well water in the area. We will evaluate the sampling results and share them with the residents, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Cabot.

Natural gas plays a key role in our nation's clean energy future and the Obama Administration is committed to ensuring that the development of this vital resource occurs safely and responsibly. At the direction of Congress, and separate from this limited sampling, EPA has begun a national study on the potential impacts of hydraulic fracturing on drinking water resources."

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Date: 01/05/2012 05:23 PM
Subject: ACTION: Politico re: Dimock Water Testing

Hi,

Politico is trying to confirm that EPA is retesting the water in Dimock, PA as reporter by Reuters.
<<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/01/05/us-usa-fracking-epa-idUSTRE8041YE20120105>>. Reporter has the following questions:

If EPA is retesting, why is it doing so? What would the tests look for? Also any information on when these tests might happen would be helpful.

ACTION: Are you handling? Or is the region? Please advise.

Thanks,
Stacy

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Subject: Dimock

Hi Enesta,

We are trying to confirm that EPA is retesting the water in Dimock, PA as reported earlier today by Reuters.

If EPA is retesting, why is it doing so? What would the tests look for? Also any information on when these tests might happen would be helpful.

If you get any of this information, please feel free to send along as you get it, as soon as possible.

Thanks,  
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